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SUBJ: MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1972 (MPA);

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS OF MARINE MAMMALS

REF: STATE 114904; CALCUTTA 1411

FOLLOWING IS REPLY OF ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA TO QUESTIONS
RAISED IN STATE 114904:

QUOTE 1. LIST OF SPECIES OF WHALES, DOLPHINS, TORTOISES AND
SEACOWS FOUND IN INDIAN WATERS, TOGETHER WITH DISTRIBUTION
WITHIN INDIAN LIMITS IS ENCLOSED. THE GANGETIC DOLPHIN,
PLACANISTA GANGETICA (LABECK), WHICH IS A FRESH WATER
FORM, IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIST.

2. AS REGARDS THE ESTIMATE OF NUMBERS AND WHETHER THE
POPULATION IS INCREASING OR DECREASING: NO STUDY HAS BEEN
MADE IN INDIA AND WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THIS ASPECT.

3. THERE IS NO REGULAR KILLING OR HARVESTING OF THESE
ANIMALS IN INDIA. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE ACCIDENTAL KILLING
ONCE IN A WHILE.

4. NUMBER OF SPECIMENS TAKEN FOR THE ZOO - OCEANMARIUM,
ETC. ARE NIL. UNQUOTE.

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